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TO : Chief, Foreign Branch "M"
FROM : Chief of Station, Karlsruhe
SUBJECT: CAMISE --- Progress Report

1. CAMISE returned from the Zone on 3 June for a short sojourn in Berlin. She left again for Frankfurt on 7 June. A complicating factor has developed in that CAMISE is in love with Dr Josef GRUNNER, the chief editor of the Westdeutsche Redaktion of the Telegraf. GRUNNER is a married man and as it now turns out, is loath to ask for a divorce. This came as a crushing blow to CAMISE who had been led to believe that GRUNNER would send his wife back to Vienna in order to pave the way for divorce and subsequent marriage with her. By now CAMISE has regained her composure, although she is still smarting under "the defeat". CAMISE assured us that this interlude would not affect her work for us adversely.

2. As regards our plans for CAMISE, the following is a verbatim quotation of a letter in English which she addressed to her case officer on 6 June 1949:

"I shall presumably work in Frankfurt through June and July and come back to Berlin on 29 July for the opening of the Presseausstellung, combined with a meeting of all Telegraf correspondents. However, I might return already at the end of this month when the chief of our Western edition is going on leave. At all events I will stay in Berlin through August and at least the first half of September.

"In Frankfurt, I am in charge of the Westdeutsche Redaktion, which has nothing to do with our Frankfurt office. It is a new position whose main purpose is to coordinate the work of our correspondents in Hamburg, Hanover, Düsseldorf, Frankfurt, Stuttgart and Munich. The greatest part of my work is practically the same as in Berlin: gather their material, sort it, correct or rewrite it for publication. The advantage of my position in Frankfurt is that I am better informed about what the reader is most interested in and which problems are most urgent. I have teletype links to most of our men and with Berlin and I can tell the boss in Berlin what should be emphasized and how they can best present Berlin affairs to the reader in the West. It is not part of my job to go to press conferences etc. and write articles, I do this only occasionally in my spare time. In Frankfurt, I am my own boss, responsible only to Berlin. I like the work but I do not like living away from Berlin and I hope I can arrange it so that my working periods in Berlin are longer than those in Frankfurt."

3. I have requested that while CAMISE is in Frankfurt, her case officer, [] have the personality information on her brought up to date. The paper work should be completed in the very near future.

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